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Columbus Public Service Department to Host Household Hazardous Waste Collection Residents Encouraged to dispose of Chemicals and other Hazardous Items Safely

(Columbus) **Mayor Michael B. Coleman**, **City Councilmember Patsy Thomas** and **Public Service Director Henry Guzmán** are encouraging Columbus families to make their homes safer by cleaning out their old household hazardous wastes and giving them to the City for proper disposal. Residents can take advantage of the opportunity to dispose of old batteries, oil- and latex-based paint, used motor oil, anti-freeze, solvents, old BBQ-grill propane tanks, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, and insect killers and other pesticides.

For tips on disposing of paint safely and details about proper disposal of hazardous household wastes, area residents can log onto www.swacopaint.org or call the Columbus Refuse Collection Division at 645-TRSH.

"Families should regularly take a look at the aging chemicals and cleaners, paints and other wastes that could be stacking up in their basements or garages, because these wastes can pose a real danger," said **Mayor Michael B. Coleman**. "We're working to make it more convenient to dispose of the wastes, and encourage everyone to do their part."

The next hazardous waste collection is scheduled for this weekend:

Saturday, September 24

Alum Creek Drive Transfer Facility
2100 Alum Creek Drive
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

"Proper disposal of household hazardous waste is a safety issue for our citizens and for our Refuse Collection workers," said **Councilmember Patsy Thomas**, who chairs the Utilities Committee, which includes the Division of Refuse Collection in the Department of Public Service.

"Columbus is again partnering with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio to offer a quick, easy and free way for residents to rid their homes of household items that pose a danger to our communities, especially to children and pets," said **Henry Guzmán**, director of the Department of Public Service.

For information about household hazard waste drop-offs in central Ohio and the schedule for the year, call 645-8774 or log on to www.columbus.gov or www.swacopaint.org.

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